

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 9th December 2023



SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

2nd Sunday in Advent

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. GATEHOUSE

Please drop donations at 15 Newland Street (*only at these times please*). Home-made cakes and sandwiches should be labelled: pre-printed labels available from Marie on 01865 604262. *** Boxes of chocolates and biscuits would be especially appreciated as Gatehouse are making gift boxes for their guests. All warm men's clothing and bedding is needed as usual, especially in this freezing weather.



<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/winterappeal24>

10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Led by Maureen Thompson
Preacher Revd Steve
Gaukroger

Advent & Christmas:
Changing your mind (Isaiah 40:
1-11, Mark 1: 1-8)

Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXSLz5V86D98t1FqLLAwWlg/live>



MONDAY 11th DECEMBER

1.30 p.m. Day Centre Carol Service

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

3.00 p.m. 114 Club at David & Lin's.

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

10.30 a.m. Bible Study led by Zoltan. Next one will be on 11th January 2024.

12.00 noon Communion a short, reflective service. Last one this year, resumes Thursday 11th January 2024

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

Teens Sleep-over!

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

No morning service

3.00 p.m. Messy Church Christmas

6.30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER

10.30 a.m. Communion Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Family Service

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Sunday morning services and Bible Studies in the New Year up until Lent will follow the theme of unity. This series aims to promote unity within the church and to foster the need to respect each other's views, even when we disagree.

To mark the end of this series we will have a church lunch on Sunday 11th February followed by an open discussion about how to move forward as a church that wants to stay united.

This will be followed with a Special Church Meeting on Sunday February 25th looking at future ministry and mission of the church.

DATES FOR DIARIES 2024

14 th January	Church Meeting
11 th February	Fellowship Lunch and conversation
25 th February	Special Church Meeting
2 nd March	Lent Away Day at Freeland Convent
24 th March	<u>Palm Sunday</u> Annual General Meeting
29 th March	<u>Good Friday</u>
31 st March	<u>Easter Sunday</u>



Many of our church family are ill at the moment and we hold them in our prayers for a swift recovery to health. We also continue to pray for those in hospital or struggling with long-term health issues.

GIFT DAY

If people have not yet had a chance to make a gift to our Christmas appeal fund, to be shared between The Gatehouse and Asylum Welcome, please put it in a separate envelope marked 'Christmas Gift Day' and place in the offering plate on any December Sunday or Christmas Day.

TEENS COFFEE MORNING

A really big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported our Teens in their recent Coffee Morning. They raised over £300 towards their future activities.

SHOEBOXES

If you want to re-gift anything you receive this Christmas there will be a box in Church during January which will be used for the shoeboxes next year.

SUNDAY LUNCH at Steve & Janet's

If you are not already busy with family or friends, please come and have lunch with us after church on Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve!

Please let Janet know if you would like to come.

BAPHUMELE CHILDREN'S HOME

A letter from Kay Jerred's son Matt

'Dear All,

It feels like a very long time since I saw many of you at EBC, and it's now 20 years since my time living and working in South Africa. I will always be grateful for the support that I received from you all at the time; both the encouragement and financial backing. Thank you.

During my time away, I was struck by a number of significant experiences - none more so than my visit to

Bapumelele Children's Home. What always stayed with me was the compassion and drive shown by Rosie her team in their work to improve the life chances of some of Khaleyitsha's most vulnerable children, whose needs were on a level that I hadn't previously witnessed.

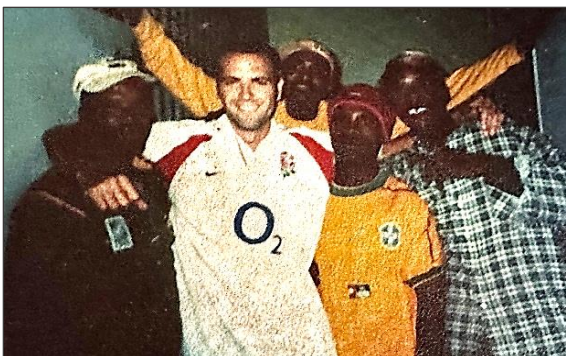
On my return, it felt like Baphumelele was an organisation that warranted further support, as they were very clear about how all donations would directly improve the conditions at the orphanage for the children in their care.

The continued support of EBC and its members has made a real difference to the children of Khaleyitsha, and I'm personally grateful to mum and all of those who've supported her in making such a long-term commitment to this cause.

It's so nice to hear some individuals are choosing to privately continue their support of Baphumelele's ongoing running costs, as EBC looks to support other very worthy causes.

Best wishes

Matt Jerred'



Matt in South Africa on the day England won the Rugby World Cup, 2003!

For more information on Baphumelele see their website at <https://baphumelele.org.za/>

USEFUL CONTACTS

EYNESHAM FOOD BANK

Call on 07450 328530 if needing help. Food donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar and Market Garden <https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

ASYLUM WELCOME

Marcus Thompson 01865 881808
<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

Church of England's FREE 24 hour phone line of music, prayers, and services.

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